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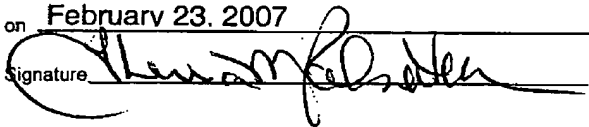
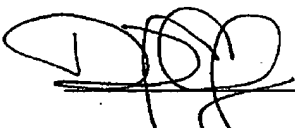
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		Art Unit <u>2837</u>	Examiner <u>Glass, Erick David</u>
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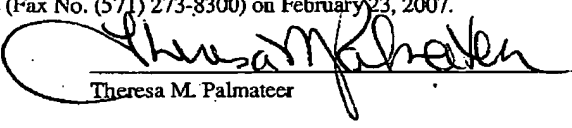
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ENGINE START SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests review of the final rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 prior to an appeal brief in this case because there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness. The Examiner proposes to make a combination between the *Latos* and *Yoneta, et al.* references. The proposed combination cannot be made because it does not provide any benefit. Where there is no benefit to a proposed combination, there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness because the combination cannot be made.

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The *Latos* reference includes a VSCF power conversion system 10 that provides the ability to operate in a starting mode using electrical power provided by an external power source and in a generating mode to convert variable-speed motive power produced by a prime mover 12 into constant-frequency AC electrical power (see, e.g., column 3, lines 40-48).

The Examiner proposes to add a rectifier circuit 4 of the *Yoneta, et al.* reference to the *Latos* arrangement for the supposed reason to provide the ability of "using the inverter already in the circuit to rectify the regenerative power being supplied back, as taught by *Yoneta, et al.*" There is no benefit to this proposed combination and, therefore, no *prima facie* case of obviousness. The rectifier circuit 4 of the *Yoneta, et al.* reference would be redundant to the *Latos* arrangement, which already provides an ability to perform in a generating mode to convert power from a prime mover 12 into electrical power. The *Latos* reference explicitly describes how it desires to generate electrical power in that mode. There would be no benefit to adding a rectifier from the *Yoneta, et al.* reference within the context of the *Latos* reference. Moreover, changing the electrical output from the *Latos* reference would be going directly contrary to the express teachings of that reference. Therefore, adding the rectifier from the *Yoneta, et al.* reference to the *Latos* arrangement cannot be done because it would remove an intended feature of the *Latos* arrangement. Where a proposed modification defeats an intended operation or removes an intended feature from the primary reference, the proposed modification cannot be made and there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness.

The proposed combination of the *Latos* and *Yoneta, et al.* references cannot be made because it does not provide any benefit (e.g., it would be simply redundant) or it would remove an intended feature from the primary reference (e.g., it would change the intended AC electrical

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energy into DC – assuming that is what the Examiner is actually proposing). There is no *prima facie* case of obviousness and Applicant should not be forced to file an appeal brief to have the current rejection reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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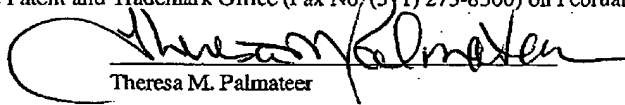
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